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SOCIAL SECURITY

The Social Security (Medical Evidence, Claims and Payments) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1982

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Coming into operation . . .	*14th June 1982*

The Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 79 and 115(1) of, and Schedule 13 to, the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975(**a**) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations which correspond to provision contained in regulations made by the Secretary of State for Social Services in relation to Great Britain and which accordingly, by virtue of section 10(2) of, and paragraph 21 of Schedule 3 to, the Social Security Act 1980(**b**) are not subject to the requirement of section 10(1) of that Act for prior reference to the Social Security Advisory Committee:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Social Security (Medical Evidence, Claims and Payments) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1982 and shall come into operation on 14th June 1982.

(2) In these regulations—

"the Claims and Payments Regulations" means the Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1977(**c**);

"the Medical Evidence Regulations" means the Social Security (Medical Evidence) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976(**d**).

Amendment of the Medical Evidence Regulations

2.—(1) At the beginning of regulation 2(1) of the Medical Evidence Regulations there shall be inserted "Subject to regulation 5".

(2) At the end of those regulations there shall be added the following regulation—

"*Self-certificate for first 7 days of a spell of incapacity for work*

5.—(1) Where a person claims sickness, invalidity or injury benefit or non-contributory invalidity pension and that claim relates to—

(*a*) a spell of incapacity that lasts for less than 8 days, or

(*b*) any of the first 7 days of a longer spell of incapacity,

the evidence of incapacity required for the purpose of determining his right to benefit may consist of a self-certificate instead of a certificate in the form of a doctor's statement within the meaning of regulation 2(1).

(a) 1975 c. 15
(b) 1980 c. 30
(c) S.R. 1977 No. 351 to which there are amendments not relevant to the subject matter of these regulations
(d) S.R. 1976 No. 175 to which there are amendments not relevant to the subject matter of these regulations